

COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL - CITY OF LODI
DECEMBER 20, 1950

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi called to order by Mayor Tolliver at 8:00 P.M. of Wednesday, December 20, 1950.

Councilmen Bull, Haskell, Preszler, Rinn and Tolliver present, none absent.

Minutes of the previous meeting held December 6th were approved as written and mailed.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER -

C.7.D.L.C.C. City Manager H. D. Weller called attention of the Council to the next quarterly meeting of the Central Valley Division of the League of California Cities to be held in Patterson on the evening of January 18th, also to the emergency meeting of the League called by its President, Robert H. Rinn to be for a two day session on the subject of civil defense in Sacramento January 4th and 5th. Attendance at both meetings to be determined later.

On recommendation of the City Engineer transmitted through the City Manager, all bids received by the City Clerk on December 18th for " Rest Rooms and Basement Remodel " were rejected. No bids were received on carpentry and mill work, ventilating and sheet metal or on the general contract, low bids on plumbing and on plastering were irregular and incomplete. Moved by Councilman Rinn, Haskell second, that the City Manager secure firm bids on all items comprising the intended work and submit them at the next Council meeting when determination would be made, based on the cost of the work, as to undertaking the proposed construction work.

City Manager Weller then brought up the suggestion, contained in his letter of December 19th to all Councilmen, that bi-monthly billing for public utilities be considered at this meeting. Experience of several California municipally owned plants was cited showing a decrease in delinquent bills and acceptance of alternate billing by the consumers. Mr Weller promised no saving in salaries or wages but an advantage in spreading the work load so that the present small staff could continue to handle the increasing customer load. Some small savings to consumers would ensue and the City's postage bill would be reduced about one-half. Cycle billing and partial billing of fixed charges was considered but both methods rejected as not suiting the present needs of the billing department. After some continued discussion, Councilman Bull moved, Haskell second, that it is the intention of the City Council to institute bi-monthly billing of all municipally owner public utilities within the next ninety days. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES -

ORDINANCE NO. 436 " PROVIDING FOR THE CARE, RESTITUTION, SALE AND DESTRUCTION OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF LODI " having been regularly introduced in the City Council on December 6, 1950, was brought up for passage on motion of Councilman Rinn, Bull second, second reading omitted, after reading by title, by unanimous consent and then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Rinn, Bull, Haskell, Preszler and Tolliver.

NOES: None ABSENT: None.

Mayor Tolliver then signed Ordinance No. 436 in approval thereof.

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ORDINANCE 437
USED CAR
DEALERS BOND
ADOPTED.

ORDINANCE NO. 437 " RELATING TO SURETIES REQUIRED BY ORDINANCE NO. 402 " ON USED CAR DEALERS BOND " AND AMENDING SECTION 8 OF SAID ORDINANCE. ALSO REPEALING SECTION 6 OF SAID ORDINANCE NO. 402 " having been regularly introduced in the City Council on December 6, 1950 was brought up for passage on motion of Councilman Haskell, Bull second, second reading omitted, after reading by title by unanimous consent, and then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen, Haskell, Bull, Preszler, Rinn and Tolliver.

NOES: Councilmen, None. ABSENT: None.

Mayor Tolliver then signed Ordinance No. 437 in approval thereof.

RES 1582
ADOPTED
INTENTION TO
VACATE ALLEN
LANE.

Vacation of Allen Lane in Morenz Tract was initiated by the adoption of Resolution No. 1582 " DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LODI TO VACATE A PORTION OF ALLEN LANE IN MORENZ TRACT " introduced by Councilman Rinn, Bull second and passed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Rinn, Bull, Haskell, Preszler and Tolliver.

NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

S.P. EASEMENT
N.MAIN STREET
STORM SEWER
ACCEPTED BY
RES. 1583

An easement, granted subject to eleven covenants and restrictions from Central Pacific Railway Company and Southern Pacific Company, for a right of way for a 42 inch storm sewer along the easterly portion of Central Pacific Company's main line right of way, (part of the North Main Street Storm Sewer Project), was accepted by the adoption of Resolution No. 1583, passed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Haskell, Bull, Preszler, Rinn and Tolliver.

NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

LIQUOR
LICENSE
APPLICATIONS

Transfers of alcoholic beverage licenses at 114 S. School Street and at 18 South Main Street met with no opposition, the Chief of Police finding no objection thereto.

CLAIMS

Bills in the amount of \$35,978.95 as approved by the City Manager were ordered paid in motion of Councilman Bull, Preszler second.

OF PUBLIC
ALLEY
MAINTENANCE

The Council then proceeded to consider the establishment of a policy in regard to the repair of public alleys throughout the City, the City Manager having offered, in his Council letter of December 19th, five alternate plans for financing costs, (1) vacation of all alleys, (2), levying a special ad valorem tax applying to those parts of the City having alley ways, (3), special assessment proceedings, (4), selective use of general fund moneys, i.e. the City assuming maintenance of those alleys of more than local use, and (5), assuming full responsibility for upkeep and repair of all public alleys.

Proposal No. 1 was dismissed as not practical but with the reservation that some alleys might be found not of public benefit and capable of vacation or withdrawal from city maintenance.

Proposal No. 2 had little consideration owing to difficulties in administration, tax limiting provisions and its causing different rates of taxation to prevail in certain areas.

Proposal No. 3 did not receive intensive study most Councilmen regarding the restrictions and limitations of present special assessment laws as piling up excessive overhead costs unless the district assessed is large and the work considerable in dollar volume.

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PUBLIC
ALLEY
POLICIES.

Proposal 4 in connection with No. 5 was discussed and argued at length although all Councilmen admitted that the judging of alleys in order of importance of public use is extremely difficult even after traffic surveys. Finally decided, motion Councilman Rinn, Bull second, that it be a matter of public policy in regard to alleys:

1. That the City maintain all public alleys in which there is a clearly defined public interest other than service to abutting owners.
2. That standards of maintenance be adopted based on the burdens of use imposed by public use.
3. That, where certain peculiar conditions exist requiring construction or maintenance above standard, the benefitted abutting owners be required to pay the cost of such additional betterments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:50 P.M. Councilman Rinn moved adjournment and the City Council stood adjourned until January 3, 1951

Attest:

J. R. Rinn
P. J. Rinn

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